

## PATENT APPLICATION

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## **PETITION**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a refund of the extension of time fee of three months paid to allow response to the Office Communication dated June 2, 2003. This is because this communication was not received in our office until faxed to us by the Examiner on September 11, 2003.

The following exhibits are attached to support the non-receipt of this communication: (1) Copies of the pages of our "Received Prosecution" record book, dated 6/2/03-7/7/03, showing no receipt of any communications concerned with 99-24C1 (our docket number of this case) during this time period; and (2) a printout of our docketing system for case 99-24C1, indicating no outstanding Office Communication.

Based on the data of these exhibits, it is established that the Office Communication was not received by ZymoGenetics and therefore Applicants were unaware of any need to respond further for this application. It was not until the Examiner contacted Applicant concerning nonresponse to the Office Communication on September 11 that the existence of this letter was even known. Accordingly, Applicant should have at least 30 days to respond and has done so with the Response dated October 2 and mailed with this petition. Refund of the extension of time fee to our Deposit Account (or not charging the fee in the first place, if this is procedurally possible) is therefore justified under these facts.

Respectfully Submitted,

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